

dimension of length and width less than 5 mm.

3. (Twice amended) The machine according to claim 1, further comprising a former which includes a forming element and two circulating, continuous dewatering belts, at least one of which comprises said at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire permeabilities;

2 said two circulating belts being arranged to converge to form a stock inlet nip, and C then being guided over said forming element, as an outer belt, which does not come into contact with said forming element and as an inner belt, wherein at least one of said outer belt and said inner belt comprise said at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire permeabilities; and

a suction device is arranged at a separation point between said two circulating belts in which the tissue web is transferred from said at least one dewatering wire with at least two different permeabilities to the other of said two circulating belts.

11. (Twice amended) A process for producing a tissue web in a tissue machine, the process comprising:

3 forming the tissue web in a forming region of the tissue machine on at least one circulating, continuous dewatering wire comprising at least two zones having different wire permeabilities formed by warp and weft threads, wherein each at least two zones has at least one dimension of length and width of less than 5 mm.

16. (Twice amended) The process according claim 11, further comprising the use of a former which includes a forming element and two circulating, continuous dewatering belts, at least one of which comprises said at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire permeabilities; the two circulating belts being arranged to converge to form a stock inlet nip, and then being guided over the forming element, as an outer belt, which does not come into contact with the forming element and as an inner belt, wherein at least one of the outer belt and the inner belt comprise the at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire permeabilities; and

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a suction device is arranged at a separation point between the two circulating belts in which the tissue web is transferred from the at least one dewatering wire with at least two different permeabilities to the other of the two circulating belts.

REMARKS

Summary of the Amendment

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1, 3, 11, and 16 will have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1 - 26 currently remain pending.

Summary of the Official Action

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 24 over the art of record. By the present amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome, and respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application.